



Long Term Care Coordinating Council
Alzheimer's State Plan Work Group
Online Resource Task Force

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Rhode Island Quality Institute
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MEETING MINUTES

1) Welcome and introductions

Sadie DeCourcy called the meeting to order.

2) URI website partnership update

Sadie stated that Lt. Governor Roberts and Dir. Catherine Taylor were able to meet with URI's President Dooley and he was very supportive of the potential collaboration that could be created. URI's GARIN (George and Anne Ryan Institute for Neuroscience) has the capacity and resources in order to house the website.

3) Presentation - Best practices in Alzheimer's websites and related products

Joshua Shreve, Master's of Public Health candidate at Brown University, is writing his thesis on different consumer technology for Alzheimer's Disease and related disorders.

Joshua gave a presentation to the task force on his findings and best practices observed in the technology. One of the gaps identified in the study was the absence of a location-based service that acts like Yelp.

The task force discussed some of the topics that they wanted the new state plan website to address:

- Financial management for caregivers
- Simple interface
- Mini mental health status exam

Joshua stated that there is a stigma that comes with the term caregiver, so many of these applications are marketed as tools, rather than advice. Many people do not think of themselves as caregivers, and would not think to look for external information.

A question about multilingual programs was brought up. Joshua stated that there are very few programs, if any, that are in different languages and cater to diverse cultural needs. One of the issues brought up was that there are different ways in which different cultures and groups use technology.

Sadie DeCourcy stated that there is a series of “pocket films” that are small module ways to encourage learning <http://www.aboutalz.org/>.